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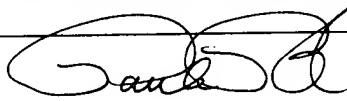
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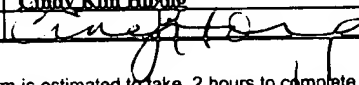
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 26, 2002. The Restriction Requirement set forth a one-month time period for response, making a response due on or before July 26, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

## I. REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: claims 1-4, drawn to isolated VSHK-1 polypeptides;  
Group II: claim 5, drawn to an antibody specific for a VSHK-1 polypeptide;  
Group III: claims 6-13, drawn to isolated VSHK-1 polynucleotides;  
Group IV: claim 16, drawn to a method of detecting the presence of a VSHK-1 mRNA;  
Group V: claim 17, drawn to a method of identifying a protein that binds to a VSHK-1 polypeptide;  
Group VI: claims 18-20, drawn to screening methods; and  
Group VII: claims 14-15, drawn to a method of detecting a VSHK-1 polypeptide.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group III (claims 6-13), with traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

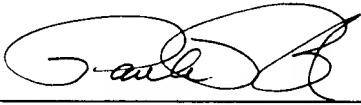
This election is made with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on claims 1-20 together. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

**II. CONCLUSION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number 2300-1544.

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